

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A method of unloading a battery group from a jig box including engaging the bottom of group on a support, releasing the grip of the jig box on the ~~groups~~ group, raising the support and hence the group until a substantial portion of the group is clear of the jig box and gripping the raised group.

2. (currently amended) Apparatus for unloading a battery group from a jig box including a support for engaging the bottom of a group on [[a]] the support, whilst the group is held in a jig box, means for releasing the ~~groups~~ group within the jig box, means for raising the support to a level at which a substantial portion of a supported group would stand clear of the jig box and means for gripping the raised ~~groups~~ group.

3. (currently amended) Apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein the support includes lateral abutments for preventing sideways movements of the ~~groups~~ group during raising.

4. (original) Apparatus for unloading groups with cast-on-straps from a jig box and for loading those groups into a

battery box including apparatus for unloading as claimed in claim

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